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FAO The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.
c/o Kerry Crowhurst

Dear Ms Crowhurst,

I wish to object strongly against the move by Cory to increase its burning capacity at its Riverside Incinerator at Belvedere. I was totally shocked that planning permission was initially granted to such an unreliable company (timed during the pandemic when we were unable to fully oppose the decision), but more especially given its poor record on the environment and the dire effects of its business on the climate crisis. Now, to my dismay I understand there is to be a further application for increased capacity!

If the permission is granted then the effect on the health of the local community will be devastating, not least because they will be burning waste from other boroughs purely to satisfy their lust for larger profits and greed. London already has enough capacity so allowing waste to be transported by road and barge is in no way 'Green' and will simply exacerbate the poor air quality of the area. Burning such waste is second only to coal in terms of emissions and will serve only to multiply the number of respiratory diseases in the vicinity. This company has no regard for the health of the local population which has been evidenced by its lack of compliance with previous requirements of the last planning agreement. The company was meant to plant trees to screen the site and give some protection to the wildlife in the adjacent nature reserve, they failed to plant these trees but no action was taken to enforce the requirement, which only leaves me very afraid for the health of future generations growing up next to such toxic activities.

Consequently, if there is any level of transparency or legitimacy associated with whole planning enquiry the company should be refused further permission to increase capacity and receive urgent instruction from yourselves to force them to adopt reuse, redesign, repair and recycling policies in this year of COPP26.